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## REMARKS

Prior to the examination of the present application, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendment. By the above amendment, claims 2-11, 18, 22-28, 31, 33, 36-37, 41-43, 45, 47, 52-53, 55-56, 58, and 60-63 are canceled or previously canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 19-21, 29-30, 34, 40, 44, 50, and 54 have been amended, and new claims 64-71 are added. Accordingly, claims 1, 12-17, 19-21, 29-30, 32, 34-35, 38-40, 44, 46, 48-51, 54, 57, 59, and 64-71 are currently pending. No new matter has been added. Examination and consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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